

RESOLUTION #401

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING \$4.3 BILLION IN FY 2007 FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted, and signed into law by President Gerald Ford, as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has as its primary objective “the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income”; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 32-year history, the CDBG program has been a partnership among the federal, state and local governments, business, and the nonprofit sector which carry out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Yacolt with CDBG funds in the amount of \$2,781,349 since 1985 has provided 22 projects; and

WHEREAS, the President’s FY 2007 budget proposes to reduce CDBG formula grants by \$1 billion or 25 percent; and

WHEREAS, should such a proposal be enacted, it would have a devastating effect on the Town of Yacolt by eliminating flexible funding that allows the Town to serve low and moderate income households and neighborhoods.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Yacolt, Washington, that it hereby calls on the Congress to provide a FY 2007 funding level of no less than \$4.35 billion in formula funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Yacolt Town Council designates the week of April 17 through April 22 as “Community Development Block Grant Week” in the Town of Yacolt in support of this valued program that has made a tremendous contribution to the viability of the housing stock, neighborhoods and infrastructure in Yacolt.

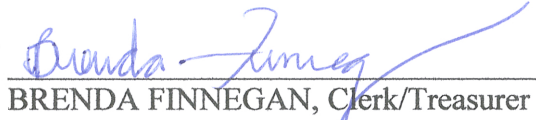
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Yacolt Town Council encourages all citizens to join together in expressing support for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

ADOPTED this 17th day of April, 2006.



JOE WARREN, Mayor

Attest:



BRENDA FINNEGAN, Clerk/Treasurer

Ayes Holyk, Marbut, Weldon, Stewart

Nays None

Absent None